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Bob Jones, Sr. Commends Jack Shuler

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My dear Dr. Rice:

Jack Shuler called me two or three days before the close of his six weeks' campaign in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and asked me to come up and attend the last service. He said his father, Dr. Bob Shuler, Sr., would be there and Mrs. Billy Sunday would be there. Jack said he wanted to give an old-time evangelistic setting to the last service. Since Jack is one of our Bob Jones University boys and got right with God here on our campus and was called to preach in the school, I decided to fly to Fort Wayne and take part in the closing service.



Jack Shuler

There were approximately twelve thousand people in the meeting. The campaign started in a large auditorium and then moved to a tent that would seat over five thousand people. The tent wouldn't hold the crowds, and they moved into the arena for the last night. Mrs. Billy Sunday, who was at the service and who was looking well, made one of the most appropriate talks I have ever heard. I spoke about twenty-two minutes. Dr. Bob Shuler, Sr., preached a brief sermon of about twenty-five minutes. Then Jack preached a sermon and gave an invitation. There were literally hundreds of people who came forward and went to the prayer room.

Dr. Rice, as you know, I have known most of the evangelists in America that have lived in the last fifty years. I have been in many of the greatest campaigns these evangelists conducted. During my lifetime, I personally have had some very great revivals; but I have never in my life been in a better quality meeting than the last meeting of the Jack Shuler campaign in Fort Wayne, Indiana. God was there. Jack Shuler is undoubtedly God's man. He incorporates in his personality all the elements that go to make an evangelist. He has force, personality, courage, strong convictions, great sincerity, and is one of the most winsome personalities I have ever known. I have never seen any man give an invitation more effectively than Jack gave his invitation. The conviction was deep. People came weeping down the aisles. Young men, young women, old men, old women, boys, and girls came forward sobbing and convulsed with emotion.

I made a great effort to get to Fort Wayne for this last service. I am glad I went. You are right, Dr. Rice. A revival can be had in this country even under present conditions. Jack Shuler's campaign for six weeks in Fort Wayne, Indiana, a city that has always been difficult for evangelism, is a demonstration of what God can do with a courageous evangelist who preaches the gospel uncompromisingly and has the support of a few spiritual people.

Dr. Rice, you are doing a great work with THE SWORD OF THE LORD in promoting evangelism. I thought about you when I was on the platform last Sunday night and saw the hundreds of people coming forward publicly to accept Christ. I hope all the readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD will pray for Jack Shuler. If he keeps going like I saw him last Sunday night and keeps close to God, he is going to be as greatly used and maybe more greatly used than any evangelist.

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Love That Saves

By the late Dr. L. R. Scarborough,

Long president Southwestern Theological Seminary,
Fort Worth, Texas, and famous evangelist

In the 38th chapter of Isaiah and the 17th verse is a Scripture that corresponds more clearly to John 3:16 in the New Testament than any other Scripture in the Bible. The fact is this is the John 3:16 of the Old Testament:

The prophet here said:

"For peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back."

He must have been speaking of the time when the Spirit of God came and convicted him of his sin. There was bitterness in his soul when he realized what God thought of him and of his sins. And when the piercing, pricking, digging conviction of the divine Spirit began to stir up his soul, a sense of his sins came over him.

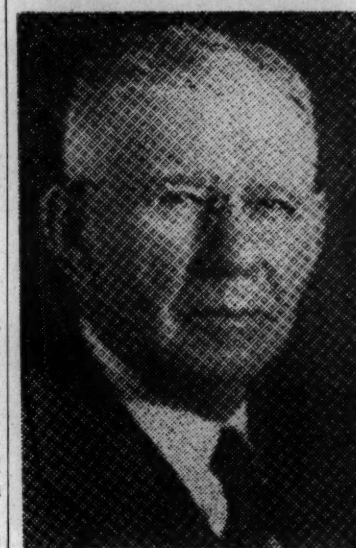
No man can come to God without the help of the divine Spirit. And it is He, my friend, who is bothering you tonight, if you are bothered, about your sins. I am sure that the Devil will never trouble you about your sins. He may trouble you about your doubts, but never about your sins. And God will never trouble you about your doubts; but He will trouble you about your sins.



Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.

Full well do I remember, though it was more than a quarter of a century ago, when the Spirit of God touched my heart and showed me as a lad that I was a sinner; and when He came the peace that I had in my heart was removed and great bitterness of soul came over me. And the prophet says, "Thou hast in love to my soul delivered me from the pit of corruption, for thou

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Dr. L. R. Scarborough

"He Arose and Went"

By Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.

President Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina

(Preached at the Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning, Cedar Lake, Indiana, Wednesday, July 19, 1950. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." —Acts 8:26-35.

I find in Philip one of the most interesting characters in the New Testament. There are some characters whom we think of sometimes as minor, who have great blessing and inspiration for us as we study their lives as given to us by the blessed Holy Spirit of God. One of those is Stephen. Another is Philip. These two men, these men who were laymen in the church, God used in a work of a very definite type of ministry. I do not know of a place where there is a greater sermon recorded than that which was preached by Stephen when he was brought before the council, charged with stirring up sedition as a preacher of Jesus Christ.

We would have revival in America if some preachers were persecuted a little bit more. In my study of church history I noticed that revival always follows persecution. We have been so easy-going in America these days that we do not suffer much persecution except from the brethren. Bless your heart, the worse slandering done in this world today is the slandering of Christian brethren by men who are supposed to be brethren. I get so discouraged and sick at heart when I see all the friction among God's people. Say, some men are so sensitive that if you differ with them on some little point of doctrine or practice, they take it as a personal affront. That is not in the spirit of God.

Let me say this: it is all right to get mad; the Bible tells you to get mad. Now, do not get the idea you have to be a milk sop. The Book makes it very plain that you can get mad. It tells you to get mad; it just says do not go to bed mad, and do not sin while you are mad! That is good psychology as well as good Scriptural doctrine. "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give

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The above photo shows part of 12,000 audience at closing meeting Jack Shuler's Ft. Wayne campaign.

The Gospel at a Glance

By Charles L. Ramsay

WHILE THE WORLD BURNS



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"He Arose and Went"

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place to the devil" (Eph. 4:26, 27). If you do not get mad about something, you are not much good. But we ought to be able to get mad at heresy without hating the heretic. And, as Christians, when our brethren differ with us, we ought to be able to be sweet about it.

That is one thing I like about Brother Rice. He stands for his convictions, but he is always a gentleman. It is wonderful to have convictions, and it is doubly wonderful to be able to be a gentleman about them. The modernists ought to be able to get along with everybody; they do not believe anything anyhow! If you do not have much in the way of convictions, nobody ever offends you. Convictions are always like bunions—they stick out and are always getting stepped on! And if you ever had a bunion and somebody kept stepping on it, it did not make you feel very eradicated and sanctified, at what went on inside, whether you gave rein to it or not.

But we ought to be able to differ with one another on some points and still be sweet. It would be wonderful if God's people could love one another as they are commanded. But if we lived lives with such uncompromising Christian devotion as that early church manifested, we would become a double thorn in the flesh to the world, and there would be some persecution, and some preachers before the judge would preach a better sermon than they ever preached in the pulpit. Somehow the flames of persecution warm the heart while they destroy the body. And out of persecution there come great revivals.

This man Philip was a man whom God raised up. Now, here he is in the midst of a revival in

Samaria. It is a great revival. I have often wondered how that revival got started. I have always wondered if maybe it did not come as the result of that woman who was converted that day at the well when the Lord sat down and talked with her. She went back and said, "I have gotten acquainted today with a man who told me all about myself. Come out and see this man." And she began to bring others out to see Jesus. I am wondering if perhaps that was not the beginning of revival fire right then and there. We do not know how the revival started, but it just seemed to be raised up. And God sent Philip to be the preacher of this great city-wide revival in the little town of Samaria.

Now, the church at Jerusalem had not elected Philip to be a preacher. They had elected Philip to be a deacon. But God does not work like men work. Men have their plans and their programs and sometimes God intervenes. He did in my own life. God did not call me to preach. He got behind me and shoved me into the ministry. I believe that maybe God knew I would have been hesitant to heed the call, and so He just pushed me and I found myself in the ministry. And oh, how I thank Him every day for the blessed privilege of preaching the gospel!

But this man Philip has been elected to be a waiter-on-tables, so to speak, a business man, one of the managers of the financial and material affairs of the church, to care for the needs of God's people. But God pushed him out and made a preacher out of him.

I had a friend, a layman, whom that happened to. He was in the steel business when the last war came along. He was out in services occasionally, but when the war came and steel was short, his business closed up and God pushed him out into full-time Christian service. Wonderful, God's way of dealing!

Philip Listened

Now, here he was in the midst of this great revival; the whole town was on fire, and they were having great services. I expect there were all-night prayer meetings. There usually are in a great revival like that. That is why they have a great revival! The whole town was turned wrong side out,

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and in the very midst of it God spoke to Philip and said, "Philip, leave this thing now and go down to the desert."

That seemed so strange, such an unreasonable request. It seemed as if the Lord might have gotten His wires crossed up. If Philip had been like some folks I know, he would have said, "Lord, I am sure you must have the wrong number. You are not talking about me. I am the preacher in a revival. Lord, you had better ring the central office again and ask for that number over. You are on the wrong line." But not this man. He listened to God.

My friends, if we are willing to listen to God, we will find that God will reveal His will and purpose to us. He may not speak to us like He spoke to Philip. The Word does not make it clear how God's message came; but Philip heard God speak. If you will listen to Almighty God, He will make His will clear to you.

I often say to our students, "Young people, the question is not whether you can know the will of God; the question is whether you are willing to do the will of God, because any man who is willing to do the will of God will find God's will made clear."

I was dealing with a man some time ago. Maybe you have had a similar experience. He said, "Well, you know, I don't read the Bible because I can't understand it."

"Well," I said, "that's too bad. You can read English, can't you?"

"Oh, yes," he said, "I can read English." He was a little bit sensitive. He didn't know I was kind of teasing him about it. He said, "Certainly, I am a college man."

"Well," I said, "do you mean you can't understand any of the Bible?"

"Oh," he said, "of course, anybody can understand part of it."

"Well," I said, "do you do everything you understand it tells you to do?"

He said, "What's that?"

I said, "Do you do everything you can understand you ought to do in the Book?"

He said, "No, I guess I don't."

"Well," I said, "why should God Almighty waste His time showing you more of His will when you aren't willing to obey the will already revealed?" Why should the Lord of Heaven and earth give us more of His will and purpose when we are not obedient to the purpose we already understand?

Listen to me, my friends, you ought to be a soul winner. The Bible makes that very clear. Now, you can learn how to be a soul winner. But if you are not willing to obey the Word of God where it commands you to win souls, all the books on soul winning will not do you any good. I believe in them. That book of Dr. Rice's on *The Soul Winner's Fire* is a great book; it will be helpful to you. But you have got to be willing to listen to Almighty God and recognize the fact that it is your business to be a soul winner. That is clear in the Word. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." That is not the commission only to the disciples in Bible times; it is the commission to the disciples in every age and every generation.

I think in those days we have too much differentiation between the clergy and the laymen. Now, God sets some men aside very definitely for the work of the ministry. That is made clear in the Word. Some are called to be teachers, some preachers and pastors—I know all that is true. But

Minister - Missionary Fund For Subscriptions Needs Help

By John R. Rice, Editor

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A. B. Mission Compound
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May 24, 1950

Dear Dr. Rice:

I am at present a teacher of a small school in Manipur under the field missionary Rev. John S. Anderson. The pupils attending the school are about a hundred and of four tribes speaking different languages. I belong to one of these tribes.

About two and a half years ago, Rev. J. E. Tanquist of Kohima, Naga Hills, gave me several copies of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and one book by the editor. I read the sermons in them and was delighted with them. I requested him to order it for me and thus after about three months, I became a subscriber to the paper. I was so delighted with the sermons printed in them, I requested Mr. Tanquist to order for me several books by the editor. After about four months I got one copy of each: *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*; *The Home—Courtship, Marriage and Children*; *Twelve Tremendous Themes*; *The Ruin of a Christian*; *Revival Appeals*; and *The Coming Kingdom of Christ*.

After reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD and portions of the books, I undoubtedly have become a much better Christian. I was not so convinced of salvation as after I had read this weekly paper. But after expiration of this subscription I could not afford to renew it. I thought I was starving of spiritual nourishment. All this while I prayed and my prayer was answered by way of your

subscription campaign which gave me a chance to become a subscriber to it once more and for which I thank God.

I like to read the sermons by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Billy Sunday, Dr. George Truett, Dr. W. A. Criswell, Evangelist Jesse M. Hendley, Evangelist Gypsy Smith, Dr. John R. Rice, and Dr. Hyman J. Appel-man partly because their language is simple, and their sentences are short and easy; for my knowledge of the English language is very limited and largely because their sermons are convincing, gripping, and soul-stirring. I should like to have more sermons preached by these great men in the paper. How I wish some of these men could come and preach these sermons to our people! I believe they would be brought to their knees and ask forgiveness for their cold, conceited, indifferent lives. They have been intoxicated with the atmosphere of independence.

I hope you and your staff will remember these spiritually-poor people in your prayers.

I am your friend in Christ and in His service,

THANGPAO DOUNGEL KUKI

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Philip Believed

But Philip did more than listen; he believed God. He had faith enough to do the unreasonable thing—to leave a revival where his ministry was being greatly blessed and used; to get up out of the city of Samaria and go way down toward Gaza, way down in the desert.

I have known some evangelists to say, when they were invited to a meeting, "Tell me, how big

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is the town? I do not accept any meetings in a town under 30,000." Bless your heart, if God could send Philip from Samaria down to the desert to win one soul, I can go to any little crossroad town where people are hungry for the gospel, when the Lord sends me!

If we are going to have revival in these days, and if the revival is going to spread, it is going to spread because there are men who are willing to do the unreasonable thing.

We have been seeing some great city-wide meetings these days and we praise God for them, but some of the best meetings I see are little church meetings somewhere. And in the light of eternity there may be more results from some little country church meeting somewhere than all the big spectacular city-wide meetings somewhere else! Now, do not misunderstand me. I believe in great city-wide meetings as much as you can get God's people together. But I would rather be under the auspices of one or two Bible-believing pastors in a church meeting somewhere than to be in a great city-wide meeting where the pastors did not have any zeal for souls and did not believe anything and just sort of got together in a whoop-it-up kind of thing for publicity and because they were so desperate they thought something had to be done so they could get their salaries paid!

You know, some people want revival, not because they believe in revival, but because they tried everything else and it has failed and the church is falling apart with them and they are not preaching to a handful of folks on Sunday morning, and nobody on Sunday night and they are getting worried and they say, "Well, let's try this. We have tried everything else." It is sort of a desperate, last result, kind of remedy with some of them.

Now, when I get in a meeting like that, I would rather be off in the woods somewhere under a brush arbor or out in the barn preaching where folks back of the meeting believe in God, believe in the need of revival and want to see souls saved. Let us not get swept off our feet by desire for bigness. Thank God, we are seeing signs of great cities moving toward God.

God's Holy Spirit seems to be working in a marvelous way and there are some folks who in all these years—men like Dr. Rice and my father who through this day of declension, between the last war and the present time—have fought for evangelism and preached and held revivals. Many good men whom God used have kept the fires burning, and now they seem to be blazing high again as

God's Holy Spirit pours out His blessing upon the ministry of evangelism.

Philip Obeyed

But this fellow had faith enough to do the unreasonable. He left the big city and went down to the country. He did not know whom he was going to meet, but God did tell him he was going to the desert. That was all he knew.

I think there is an explanation for Philip's success in the ministry. You will find it in this little phrase where he and Stephen are spoken of as men who were "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 6:5). There is no combination in the world like that. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4). God's blessed Spirit in men setting fire to faith is a wonderful combination. I like the slogan Billy Graham is using up at Northwestern for his schools, "Knowledge on Fire." But I will tell you something better than that is faith on fire! And when faith gets on fire of the Holy Spirit, you will find the whole country begins to blaze.

Yes, he listened to God. When God said, "Go down there," He believed God had a purpose in it and he went. He obeyed God, and he obeyed Him without any argument. Some of you would not have done that. You would have said, "Well, Lord, I wonder what the accommodations are going to be like down on the desert."

We were laughing coming over today about how some preachers seem so interested in what the hotel is going to be like. Paul never asked about the hotels. I imagine Paul might have said, "Have you ever been in jail over there? What is the jail like in that town?" He did not say, "How am I going to get water down there? Reckon I will find anything to eat down there in the desert? It is going to be hot and dusty, I guess, Lord. Maybe I ought to have a new pair of shoes before I go. Don't you think so?" No, he just got up and went. "He arose and went!"

Do you do that, my friend? Now, listen, you lay folks who have a neighbor and God has been talking to you about that neighbor, and you have been arguing with God why you should not go and speak. You say, "You know, after all, she is a Catholic and I don't know how to deal with Catholics."

Do you know how to deal with Catholics? Just give them the gospel. Do you know how to deal with an atheist? Do not argue with him; just give him the gospel. It is the gospel that is the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16). And that does not necessarily mean your own interpretation of the gospel or your argument about the gospel; it means the gospel itself. This Book is the sword that does the work. All your arm does is to wield the sword. And all your tongue has to do is to deal with the gospel.

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of understanding, and God may give new insight from reading the Word. You may be able to take one verse and interpret another verse in the light of that verse. That is the way to interpret Scripture. Always take a verse you cannot understand, not too plain, and interpret it in the light of a verse that is plain, realizing that there is no contradiction in the Book. That is what you do with a legal contract. You get a contract with a paragraph up here that is very plain, and down here in fine print there is a paragraph that is not plain, and you say, "Well, this must mean this because it says that up here, and this one cannot contradict that." That is the way you interpret the Word of God.

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to hear the kind of language they use! I know I couldn't deal with that fellow, he is older than I am, he is smarter, he has had more education." You have been arguing with God when, like Philip, you should have gotten up and gone when God spoke to you!

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Philip Accomplished

Now, let us see what happened when he got down to the desert. He accomplished for God. Now, that is a very simple little outline. He listened, he believed, he obeyed, and he accomplished.

When he got down there, he found that God had put him in the place where there was a man who needed to know Christ. Here comes this chariot with its outriders, a very gay procession which spoke of wealth and position. In that chariot sat the man who was the treasurer of the kingdom of Ethiopia. And the voice of the Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Now go and join yourself to him."

That was some order. Let's face the circumstances. Here was a man, an important government official. Do you think you could join yourself to the treasurer of the United States very easily? Well, you would find it easier to get acquainted with him than it was for a man on the highway, out in the desert, to get up to the treasurer of Ethiopia with his outriders, his horsemen and his guards. But Philip practiced the same thing he practiced all along—he obeyed God. He believed God could do what needed to be done when he got there; so he went

up and joined himself. And he found that the Holy Spirit had prepared the way before him.

Somebody said to me, "Do you witness to everybody you meet about Jesus Christ?"

No, I don't. Sometimes I feel that God's Holy Spirit is not ready to deal with that person; I mean he is not in the place yet. Now, I witness to individuals in the sense that I try to give them a tract or give them a verse of Scripture, but I do not try to deal with everyone about his soul. I give him the testimony, but I do not go and dig down after him, because sometimes if you talk to souls you find that they are not ripe. Now, I do not want to get technical here. God keep us from technical arguments while souls go to Hell! You had better dig at some who are not ripe than to neglect some who are ready to be plucked. Do not use this as an excuse not to speak to somebody.

But I have had some person to be brought up in a meeting by some earnest Christian, and as I talked to him I found that he was not in the place yet. He was not repentant of his sins and he did not really want to be converted. If you listen to God, you will find that when you get to the soul God wants you to talk to, that soul is ready for your message. He may not always accept, he may not always believe, but God has prepared the man where he will have the choice of taking Jesus Christ, and He has made him receptive for your message, though outwardly sometimes he may not seem to be.

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More About the Correction and Discipline of Children

By Evangelist John R. Rice

(Ninth in Series of radio messages on the Home)

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." [The Revised Version adds one word:] "...and EVEN when he is old he will not depart from it."—Prov. 22:6.

If you train up a child right, even when he is grown, even when he is married, even when he is across the world in the Army somewhere, even when he has a home of his own—your child will not depart from it; so says the plain Word of God.

A woman wrote me some time ago. "Dear Brother Rice, I want you to pray for my boy. He's married, and has several children, but he is a drunkard, is untrue to his wife, is running with a wicked woman. Pray for my boy. The Bible says that when you train up a child, he will come back to it! I have confidence he will come back to it when he is old."

The Bible says nothing of the kind. I told her that the Bible had no promise at all that her son would come back and live for God. The Bible promised that if she had reared him aright, he would not leave it. 'Bring up a child in the way he should go: and even when he is old, when he's an old man, when he is away from home and grown and you can't control him, he will not leave it then.'

Oh, what a high standard God sets for us here!

When I was in the seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas, I was pastor of a country church up in Cooke County. I remember that one man, after a service, came to me with a great deal of agitation. He said, "You must go home with me. I want to talk to you."

I went home with him and after his wife had gone into the house, we stood out in the yard. He said, "What you preached this morning was not so, pastor."

"Now, that's pretty serious. What do you mean?"

"You said that when you train up a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not leave it, he will not depart from it. I know you are wrong! I did raise my boy right!"

I said, "Now, since you are saying I am wrong in the business, I'll show you that it wasn't I who said it, but the Word of God!"

I opened the Scripture to Proverbs 22:6, and putting my finger on it I had him read it: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Doggedly he said, "All right, it is in the Bible; then the Bible is wrong, for I know I have been raising my boy right. I know that isn't so!"

I said, "Since you made the Bible out a lie, and since you accused your pastor, now tell me, where is your boy?"

"Well, I don't want to talk about it."

I said, "You will talk about it. I'll call your wife, I'll call the neighbors. No member of the church where I am pastor is going to challenge the Word of God and say it isn't true. Come on—where is your boy?"

Reluctantly he told me, "He is in the state penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, for a major crime. But, I'm not to blame. I know I did raise my boy right."

"Since you say you raised your boy right, tell me how you raised him. Did you have family worship in the home? Did you take time every day to read the Bible in your home and pray and have other members of the family pray? Did you?"

"Well, you city people—" [What do you think about that, calling me "city people"! I can rake the hayseed out of my hair yet!] "—you city people have time for that, but we farm people have got to get up early and work hard, and we don't have any time for any foolishness."

Foolishness, a family worship was to him, and his boy was in the state penitentiary! He had been in a hurry before; now his boy was in the state penitentiary.

So I said, "You think you raised your boy right, yet you never read the Bible to him, you never prayed with him, you never taught him, you never had time for worship in the home. Did you ever talk to that boy about doing right

and did you whip him to make him mind? Did you bear down on the fellow and make him get up the first time he was called and make him say, 'Yes, sir' and 'yes, mam' and speak respectfully and say, 'Please,' and 'Thank you?' Did you make that boy mind, and did you whip him when he didn't?"

"Now, you can't deal with all children alike. My boy was nervous and high strung. You couldn't just crack down on him like that."

[Incidentally, let me tell you a secret. I was very nervous and high strung, too, when I was a boy, but my dad knew how to handle that. He just got "nervous-er" than I did! And, believe me, it didn't last long at our house!]

This man said, "My boy was nervous."

I said, "You didn't make him mind! You didn't follow the Bible! You thought it wouldn't work in your boy's case! Now you have raised him as a rebel against law and God. Now he is against the government and being guilty of a crime, is in the penitentiary, and you are blaming God."

I said, "Wait a minute! You said you raised your boy right. Did you ever win that boy to Christ? Did you ever take your boy to one side and say, 'Son, Dad is praying for you. I want you to be a Christian. I am so anxious for you to be converted, to be born again. I want to take the Bible and show you how to be saved?' Did you ever say to your boy, 'Son, we are going to have a revival down at the church and Dad wants you to come and trust Jesus and be saved?' Did you ever do that? You say the Bible is wrong, that you are not to blame, and the boy is in the penitentiary."

"Well, I never did believe in this business of dragging little children in the church when they don't know that it is about!" "And besides," he said, "I'm a Baptist and I don't believe in children so little being in church."

That wasn't any credit to the Baptists. I'm a Baptist, too, but that isn't any credit to the Baptists if you are not willing for little children to be saved like Jesus said, by honestly coming to trust in Jesus.

Here was a man who didn't take the Bible. He said that 'bring up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it,' wasn't true. He never whipped his boy, never made him mind, never had family worship, never tried to win him to Christ, and the boy was in the state Penitentiary. And some of you will weep bitter tears into your pillow because you know God's Spirit bears witness in your heart now that you are guilty, that you are to blame for rebellious boys. You are to blame for wild and lewd girls. You are to blame for the runaways from home and the delinquent children, because if you had reared them right in the home, God says they wouldn't leave it.

Oh, how seriously we ought to take to heart the discipline in the home.

Another Scripture on this matter is in Proverbs 23:13-14.

"Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell."

He shall not die. He may holler like it, but he won't. No, he won't! So don't quit whipping too soon.

My father had a way of kind of whipping until you cry and then whipping until you stop. You could stop, too, if my dad was doing the licking! You could sure stop; you

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would find a way to do it. Oh, we ought to mean business about this, for the Bible says, "Thou shalt beat him with a rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell."

Have you read how John Wesley and how Charles Wesley were reared? I am going to read you something about how Susannah Wesley reared her children—seventeen of them. Susannah Wesley believed the Scripture that "the rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Prov. 29:15). She believed the Scripture that "the blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so do stripes the inward parts of the belly." So in John Wesley's *Journal*, he had his mother write out for him the rules by which she reared her children; she wrote in July 24, 1732:

Dear Son,—
"According to your desire, I have collected the principal rules I observed in educating my family; which I now send you as they occurred to my mind, and you may (if you think they can be of use to any) dispose of them in what order you please.

"When turned a year old (and some before), they were taught to fear the rod, and to cry softly; by which means they escaped abundance of correction they might otherwise have had; and that most odious noise of the crying of children was rarely heard in the house; but the family usually lived in as much quietness as if there had not been a child among them.

"Conquer the Child's Will. In order to form the minds of children, the first thing to be done is to conquer their will, and bring them to an obedient temper. To inform the understanding is a work of time, and must with children proceed by slow degrees as they are able to bear it: but the subjecting of the will is a thing which must be done at once; and the sooner the better. For by neglecting timely correction, they will contract a stubbornness and obstinacy which is hardly ever after conquered; and never, without using such severity as would be as painful to me as to the child. In the esteem of the world they pass for kind and indulgent, whom I call cruel, parents, who permit their children to get habits which they know must be afterwards broken. Nay, some are so stupidly fond, as in sport to teach their children to do things which, in a while after, they have severely beaten them for doing.

"Whenever a child is corrected, it must be conquered; and this will be no hard matter to do, if it be not grown headstrong by too much indulgence. And when the will of a child is totally subdued, and it is brought to reverence and stand in awe of the parents, then a great many childish follies and inadvertences may be passed by. Some should be overlooked and taken no notice of, and others mildly reproofed; but no willful transgression ought ever to be forgiven children, without chastisement, less or more, as the nature and circumstances of the offence require."

Isn't that a strange and strong

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way? Do you know why John Wesley had character? Do you know why Charles Wesley had character? Because they were reared by such a godly mother as that!

I didn't read all of the statement of Mrs. Susannah Wesley, the mother of John and Charles Wesley—Charles Wesley, the greatest hymn writer the world ever saw, and John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, the leader of the great revival that kept England from a French Revolution and that touched all the English civilization. How did she raise her children? I am reading again. John Wesley's mother said:

"I insist upon conquering the will of children betimes, because this is the only strong and rational foundation of a religious education; without which both precept and example will be ineffectual. But when this is thoroughly done, then a child is capable of being governed by the reason and piety of its parents, till its own understanding comes to maturity, and the principles of religion have taken root in the mind.

"I cannot yet dismiss this subject. As self-will is the root of all sin and misery, so whatever cherishes this in children insures their after-wretchedness and irreligion; whatever checks and mortifies it promotes their future happiness and piety. This is still more evident, if we farther consider, that religion is nothing else than the doing the will of God, and not our own: that the one grand impediment to our temporal and eternal happiness being this self-will, no indulgences of it can be trivial, no denial unprofitable. Heaven or hell depend on this alone. So that the parent who studies to subdue it in his child, works together with God in the renewing and saving a soul. The parent who indulges it does the devil's work, makes religion impracticable, salvation unattainable; and does all that in him lies to damn his child, soul and body forever."

You know that is a straight thing this mother of John Wesley says. Oh, "thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell!" the Scripture says. And John Wesley's mother writes further:

"The children of this family were taught, as soon as they could speak, the Lord's prayer, which they were made to say at rising and bed-time constantly; to which, as they grew bigger, were added a short prayer for their parents, and some collects; a short catechism, and some portion of Scripture, as their memories could bear.

"They were very early made to distinguish the Sabbath from other days...

"They were quickly made to understand they might have nothing they cried for..."

I am saying Susannah Wesley set out to make her children know there is a God, that sin must be punished, that self-will is a damning thing. Oh, God give us more

people who were taught when they were children that self-will is an abominable thing, that to insist on your own stubborn way is the way to Hell. And one who is stubborn against parents will be stubborn against Christ. How many of you could take the first steps toward Heaven for your own children by seeing that they learned, "I cannot have my own way. It will be wrong. I must do what my father says, what my mother says," and then it is easy for them to learn to say, "I'll do what Jesus says!"

Oh, you who are mothers and fathers, will you listen to me today? How much you can do for the character of your children by making them obey, making them mind.

A woman came to Dr. Bob Jones some years ago and said, "Dr. Bob, will you pray for my fourteen-year-old boy? He won't mind me, he won't listen to me. He is breaking my heart. Will you pray for my fourteen-year old boy?"

Dr. Bob Jones said, "No, I will not!"

"Why, Dr. Bob, you won't pray for him?"

"No," said Dr. Bob, "why should I waste my time praying when you can settle the matter with a stick in a few minutes—if you mean business?"

I tell you now, the Bible says, "Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and ... deliver his soul from hell." Oh, then, let us teach our children how sin is hateful to God, and rebellion is the very heart of all sin, and let us conquer that self-will in our children, and so make them easy to win to Christ, and easy to learn to love Christ, and surrender to Him.

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"He Arose and Went"

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And when Philip got there, he said to the man, "Do you know what you are reading?" He was reading the Word of God, in Isaiah, looking for Jesus Christ.

There are folks with whom you come in contact who are hungry of heart. I think about some of this Hollywood crowd. One of the strange things to me is the fact that the Lord seems to be moving among them these days. I think of that verse, "The saints in Caesar's household salute you." I believe that God raises up witnesses for Himself in the most unlikely places. Those saints in Caesar's household were members of the establishment of the Emperor Nero who burned Christians for torches in his gardens and used them for lion fodder. And this man had some saints in his household.

Maybe in all the filth and corruption of Hollywood, God is bringing out a few folks to witness to them. I think sometimes they are the great neglected crowd. We figure they are not interested because they have glamour and all that, but that very thought is a compromise on the part of a Christian. Do you think glamour, fame, wealth, sex, liquor, the highlights are enough to satisfy men? Then, why do you expect them to be satisfied with those things? Now, I think maybe that crowd is the great neglected crowd of our day, and present to us a great missionary opportunity.

Well, you will find that some of those folks you think are out of the pale, if you will talk to them, you will find they have hungry hearts.

We are putting in film production, to make gospel films down at Bob Jones University, to try to preach the gospel through films. One of our faculty members went out to the coast this summer to take a course in movie directing at UCLA. The first day she was out there she met a man who is one of the great directors of Hollywood. She immediately began to talk to him about the Lord. Do you know what he said to her? "I want you to come and talk to my son. I am concerned about him. He is the art director in one of the big studios and I know he needs Christ. I am a Christian; I am an old backslidden Christian." He got right with God. He took her the next day to talk to the son, a young man about twenty-five or twenty-six years old—one of the most promising young men in Hollywood. He listened. He has not accepted yet, but he is under deep conviction. But the father, an old backslider, was hungry for the message. Nobody had talked to him, he said, for years about the Lord.

It is wonderful how the Lord will go before and prepare the way. The man said, "No, I can't understand it unless somebody explains it. You get up here." Philip got up and "preached unto him

Jesus." He had a great text, but you do not need a great text to preach a great Christ. If you want to preach Jesus, you will find in every circumstance of life a text for your subject.

Dr. Walter Wilson amazes me. He sharpens a pencil and he begins to talk about Jesus and deal with a man from the point of his pencil, talking about how the wood has to be cut away before his pencil will write. Then from there he begins to talk about Jesus who was nailed to a cross and bruised.

I was in a barber shop some time ago and I sneezed. The barber standing there said, "God bless you," as some people do, in a sort of a superstitious way. This gave me a chance to preach Jesus. I said, "He always has blessed me. He blessed me in the Saviour He gave me"; and I began to deal with the man about Jesus. Even a sneeze is a good text to preach Christ.

Well, the man got converted. The Lord even had the water ready in the desert to baptize. It was not any mirage, either; it was real water! I am not saying how much of it was there, but there was enough of it for the purpose. God even made all the circumstances right. Our God is greater than any circumstance. He can make the wrath of men to praise Him, and out in the middle of the desert He can provide the water to baptize a man who comes to Jesus Christ.

I wonder if, in that day when all those who wash their garments white in the blood of the Lamb gather together to sing the praise, we are going to meet those folks from the great revival in Samaria and recognize them? Of course, we will meet them. As we sit there in Glory and listen to them talk, I wonder if they will speak about the great sermons Philip preached in Samaria, and how the whole town was changed? And way over here the crowd of dark-skinned folks—who are these? They are those in Ethiopia who came to Christ.

Through the Dark Ages, Ethiopia was the great lighthouse of the gospel. The light became dimmed and the flame became dull. Heresies crept in. There was a period there when the brightest light of the gospel almost was down in Ethiopia, standing out against Mohammedanism and the religion of Moslem as it came in. You know, this man who went back—I wonder if this great treasurer of Candace did not have a great influence for the Lord to bring the gospel back in?

Let me suggest one other thing. He had been up to Jerusalem to worship, and the church at Jerusalem had missed its chance. Here was a hungry-hearted man, a proselyte to Judaism, wanting God. He came up to worship at Jerusalem and nobody in Jerusalem talked to him about Jesus.

There is a little thing here that may be significant. When the Jerusalem church heard about the revival in Samaria, they sent two

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of the disciples up to investigate. It sounds like some church committees I hear about. "I think we had better appoint a committee to investigate this. It may be false fire, you know, because it is not coming out of the regular accepted channels of our denominational machine!" And they went up to Samaria to investigate it. While they are investigating the revival in Samaria, a hungry-hearted man is neglected in Jerusalem.

This church in Jerusalem may have been all right. They went up to Samaria to see what was going on up there. And here was a hungry Ethiopian down in Jerusalem looking for God and nobody cared.

My friends, if you will do what God tells you to do; if you will obey God, having heard Him and believed Him, you will accomplish for God! There is not a person in this house who knows Jesus Christ but could win souls. If you cannot talk, you can hand out tracts.

I have told all over the country an experience I had out in Sioux City, Iowa. There was every night brought into that tent a girl who was paralyzed and could not speak. They would bring her in and put her right down in front—poor deformed, spastic girl, but oh, what a radiant face she had! I wanted to find out about her, but nobody could tell me who she was.

One night I went down and stood right by her to pronounce the benediction so I could ask who she was. Her mother said, "I want you to meet my daughter. She is a student in Moody Bible Institute. She had studied to go to the mission field, but she developed sleeping sickness. After being unconscious six or eight months she recovered consciousness but was left like this. She can't speak. She could not move her hands at all, but she made me give her a pencil. She gestured for it just with one finger and she just made herself learn to write all over. She spends her time writing words about Jesus to people whose names she sees in the paper in trouble, involved in some scandal, or some great police case, or somebody in jail. She just writes and tells them how wonderful Jesus is and that He can meet all their needs and solve their problems. We fold it, I address the envelope, put a tract in and we send it to them."

You know, I looked at that poor, spastic, paralyzed girl, and thought, "If she can do that, how far short do we come to whom God has given hands that can move, feet that can walk, eyes that can see, and tongues that can speak!" All that we need is hearts that burn with God's love, and are quick to hear and do what God's Spirit says do.

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hast cast all my sins behind thy back."

I want to talk to you tonight about the love that saves. There is a great doctrine in nearly every passage of Scripture, and there are some great doctrines that lie just beneath the surface of this wonderful truth, and one of those doctrines is the sinfulness of men.

The Exceeding Sinfulness of Sin

This Scripture here tells where the love of God finds the sinner—in the pit of corruption. I know of no doctrine that is more lightly treated today than the doctrine of sin. Oh, we hear a good deal of sins, the outward expression, the evil tendencies of our nature. But we miss the mark, my friends, if we do not go to the root of sins in the sinful nature of men.

The doctor came and examined a very sick man. The patient said, "I have been treated by many physicians. They seem not to have found my trouble. I want you, equipped with your great sanitarium, with all the advantages of medical science, to find out what my trouble is." After the examination and the diagnosis, the doctor discovered a deep-seated cancer in the very vitals of the man and he said, "The former doctors have been treating your symptoms. I am going to treat your disease." There is a difference, my friends.

The trouble tonight with men is that they have deep-seated sin in their hearts. It was born there. It is an inheritance. It came to you by your nature. It was there latent when you were conceived and possible when you were born. And the mighty fact developing as you grew, more and more became a powerful thing in your life. Why, you can see it manifested in the child. The baby, at the bosom of the mother, in its anger will slap its mother in the face. The trouble is the child is a sinner; it is worse than that, it has deep-seated sin in its life.

Now, this Scripture says that it was in that pit of corruption that the love of God went down after the souls of men. And all men are alike here, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." There is no man that sinneth not, none whatever. All men are transgressors. All men are sinners. Tonight, my friends, if you have been by your morality or your church membership or submitting to some ordinance of the church, or going to the church, or giving your money, or telling yourself that you are a good citizen and that you pay your debts, all those remedies are but treating to symptoms of sin. You need somebody with the dissecting knife and with the power of the X-Ray to go down to the depths of your trouble and there take

Jack Shuler

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gelist in the history of America. God is with him.

How I thank God for the wonderful things that He is doing with Jack Shuler and Billy Graham and these other young evangelists who are winning the lost to the Lord Jesus Christ; and we are thankful for you, Dr. Rice, and the great contribution you are making to evangelism, not only in your campaigns but through THE SWORD OF THE LORD. God bless you.

Your friend,
BOB JONES
Founder, Bob Jones University

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it out by the regenerating power of God.

I heard the story of one of our boys in the war that we had with Spain years ago. On the Isle of Cuba in one of those hot battles a young American was wounded in the foot. He was brought back on the stretcher and treated with the emergency treatment and later was carried back to the field hospital. And the doctor saw the wound in his foot and probed in and got out a piece of bone and the bad blood and poured in some healing remedy and then bandaged it and treated it. The next morning he came to see the boy. He had fever and his foot was swollen; and he treated it and bandaged it and cared for it. Again in the afternoon he came in. The boy had high fever and the limb was swelling toward his body and there was great pain and great suffering; and the doctor unbound the foot and probed in and got out some other bone and thought it as all right. The next morning the boy's fever was still higher and he brought another young surgeon. The younger doctor examined the foot and said to the older doctor, "There is something wrong on the inside. My judgment is that the bullet has lodged in his foot and unless we get it out the limb will have to be amputated or the boy will die." He went in and probed about and down among the tissues the doctor went with the dissecting knife and there he found a bullet. He took it out and cared for the boy and he got well.

My friends, tonight unless the sin of your soul is treated by God's remedy and by the operation called regeneration, if the sin is not taken out of your soul, the seat of poison will never be removed and you will die in your sins and go down to hell.

And now the prophet says that it was in the pit of corruption that the love of God found him. I want you tonight to know that the trouble with you is deep. It is in your blood, in your eternal spirit. And I care not how moral you are, nor how godly you are living, unless in your soul you have been saved by the regenerating power of God you are but treating the symptoms of your disease. God help the world today to be clear in its thinking about this awful doctrine of sin.

Love That Goes To the Depths

There is another great doctrine that lies upon the surface of this scripture. It says that the love of God does go down to the pit of corruption after the souls of men. There is nothing sweeter in life than the persistent and penetrating power of the love of Jesus for a soul. He not only loves our bodies, He not only loves our intellectual powers, our influence, our service and our future, but, thank God, He loves a wicked soul in sin; and it is because of our sinfulness that He died for us. I thank God that the love of Jesus Christ was for me, seeing me as I was—a sinner. My wife loved me at my best. When I went to see her I wore my best clothes and exhibited my best disposition. I never got mad while I was courting my wife. I never gave expression to sinful love. I appeared to her at my best and it was in that condition that she loved me.

But I thank God tonight that Jesus Christ loved me at my worst. He saw me as I was without any veneer, without any white-wash, or any camouflage. He sees the souls of men at their worst, and in spite of our sins His love goes down to the depths of corruption and finds our souls and loves us. I bless God tonight that there is no sinner out of Hell, and I believe there is no sinner in Hell that Jesus Christ's great loving, saving heart does not go out after. I know he loves everyone of them to the gates of Hell.

If I am speaking tonight to somebody whose hands are covered with the blood of your fellow, to some man who has carried down the virtue of some woman, if I am speaking tonight to a

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pleasure devotee, a lover of deep-dyed sin, I want to tell you that Jesus Christ loves you. He loves you tonight, it matters not how deep in the pit of corruption your soul has gone. There is no love like His love. Mother's love is strong, wife's love is strong, filial devotion is strong; but there is no love like the love of Jesus Christ.

I am thinking now of an incident that came under my observation. There was a beautiful home, a large business owned by a prosperous, devoted Christian man. He and his family came regularly to church. There was in the home a beautiful daughter and a noble son. But one time, in temptation's hour, deceived by a wicked man, this young woman lost all. She went away from home and was gone for months. The curtains were drawn in the parlors of that home. The father was broken hearted. The mother in the home bore her grief in silence and seclusion.

Oh, my friends, the deadliest, the most despicable, the most unpardonable sin in this world tonight is for some passionate man to go into a home and wreck that home. I believe not in the double standard in life. But I believe in the single standard. I believe that we ought to have the same requirements for men that we have for women.

Word came that the daughter in a distant city wanted to come back home. The mother took it up with the family. The father said, "No, she has broken our hearts. She has ruined our business. Never again shall that beautiful daughter come back into our home."

And the son said, "When she comes in at the front door, I will go out at the back door."

And the mother sent for the pastor and she told him what they had said. She said, "They refused to go to her and I wondered if you the pastor would go yonder to the distant city and find her."

And he said, "I will go." And as the pastor was ready to go he said to the mother, "What shall I tell Mildred?"

And this is what the mother said, "Tell Mildred that Mother still loves her." I want to tell you, my friends, that above the love of a mother for her wayward daughter there is Jesus Christ's love for every wayward sinner in this world tonight. Thank God, it does go down to the depths of human depravity for the souls of men.

Love That Has Power To The Uttermost

There is another great doctrine that lies beneath the surface of this Scripture and that is that that love of Jesus Christ has power in it to save any soul and bring that soul up out of any pit of corruption. I bless God that I believe in the mighty saving power of the love and blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ. It has power! It has power! The love of woman has power to help to reform; but it takes the love of Jesus Christ to regenerate.

I am thinking now of a man in New Mexico. I was in the town where he lived years ago. They called him "One-Armed Thompson." They said, "He is the best man in Mexico." He was a faithful, consecrated member of the little Methodist church in that town. I stood on the corner of the street with that fine Christian gentleman and he told me this story. He said, "A few years ago I owned that corner saloon yonder. I ran it for years. In the front part I had a saloon. In the back part I had a gambling den and there men, the worst men in this country, lost and gained money by the thousands and hundreds of thousands of dollars. In the upstairs I ran a bawdy house. And I was guilty of indulging in all the wickedness in this three-fold institution of Hell."

I had a vacation and I went to Chicago. And walking the streets one day I saw a beautiful woman. I instantly fell in love with her and followed her to her home. I got her address and her

name. I formed her acquaintance and she responded to my love and in less than thirty days I brought her back as my wife. I had a beautiful home up yonder and I had it fixed up and when we came home I carried her into that beautiful home and told her that day of my business.

I went on with her love for years. I would come home drunk; her heart would be broken, but never her spirit nor her patience. Night after night she nursed me back to sobriety. One morning I came down to the saloon all broken up. I sold out and went back home and looked for my wife. I looked for her all through the house, in the parlors, in the bed room, in the kitchen. I looked everywhere for her and finally I found her on her knees in the bath room; and as I stood there I heard her praying, and she said for three years one hour each day she had prayed for me in that place. I went in and fell down on my knees by her side and gave my heart to Jesus Christ; and since that time I have lived for God and for righteousness."

I said to him, "What did it?" He said, "My wife's love brought me to the love of Jesus Christ and His love regenerated my soul."

I bless God that the love of Jesus Christ comes with power down to the saving place of lost souls.

One night in Dallas, Dr. Truett's telephone rang (that great preacher of the First Baptist Church, a man with a world reputation as a preacher and a winner of souls). It was three or four o'clock in the morning. And someone at the other end of the line said, "I am down in the city's Reservation. I am speaking for a woman in the next room. She is dying, and we have learned down here that you love sinners." Oh, my friends, that is a mighty good thing to get out on a preacher, a mighty good thing to get out on a Christian. She said, "Would you come down and talk to this dying woman?"

That preacher who loved sinners said, "I will be there as quickly as I can come." They awakened a servant to take care of the children, and his wife went with him in a buggy across the city. They went into the room where the dying woman was. And there stood around the bed of this dying woman the ghosts of women, the very picture of sin. He walked up to the bedside and offered his hand to the young woman. She put her hand back under the sheet and said, "No, your pure hand shall not touch my soiled hand." He sat down by the bedside and the dying woman said, "I have a question to ask you."

"All right," said he.

Said she, "You must know what sort of a sinner I am. I have lost my name, my character. I have lost everything that is holy and good. I have a question to ask you. Do you believe that Jesus Christ loves and will save a woman such as I?"

My friends, tonight, what would you have told her? Oh, what is the message of the New Testament? What is the message of Calvary's Cross that comes down through the promises of God? Brother Truett said, "Yes, if you will trust my Saviour, He will save your soul from sin."

And that young woman, as he testifies, lived for a few hours and rejoiced in a Saviour's love. I thank God that there is hope of salvation, a salvation that can save the most outcast person in this world. It reaches down and saves.

God's Disposition Of Our Sins

There is another great doctrine that stands out in this Scripture, and that is the doctrine of what God does with our sins. "Out of love to my soul thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back." Oh, my friends, what does that mean? It means that God has turned His back on the sins that He has pardoned. He has turned His back on the sins that He has

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delivered the souls of men from. There are a good many Scriptures that tell what He does with our sins. He says He forgives them, He pardons them. He says that He cleanses our souls from their stain and guilt. I thank God tonight that the soul of the Christian cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ has all of its stain taken out. That doctor under the power of the X-Ray and the dissecting knife went in and cleaned out every germ of the awful disease

and then, thank God, he walks and lives and loves and worships and sings for God. When you repent and turn away from your sins He cleanses you and takes out every stain, cleanses you thoroughly.

There is another Scripture that says that He buries them in the bottom of the seas. There is another that says He places them as far from you as the east is from the west. Why, it is 93,000,000 miles yonder to the sun and 93,000,000 miles across from the sun to the other side of the earth's orbit! But that is not the limit of the distance from the east to the west. Oh, my friends, the east from the west is further than that. Thank God, the sins of men forgiven are placed away like that!

I was riding some time ago in a great automobile across the plains. We had not gone far when the chauffeur had to get out and put a patch on the rear wheel and then at another place just opposite the patch on the wheel there was a certain fixture, a string, that held something together. I looked out over that fender and I said, "I wonder if that string will ever catch that patch. Open your throttle and let's see." He ran twenty miles an hour. We got out on the high plains and I said, "Give her more gas," and he went thirty, forty, fifty and ran up around sixty miles an hour, and the string was no nearer to the patch than when we started.

Oh, thank God, if my sin is on the east side and I am on the west side, my sins will never catch me. And then He says that He will put them behind His back. Thank God, He has turned His back on them. Sometimes my face turns toward my sins; but I rejoice when I remember that God has turned His back on them. And then that other Scripture says He will remember them against you no more forever. Oh, that love goes down into the pit of corruption and picks up that soul and cleanses it and purifies it.

Now, these four great doctrines stand.

What Is The Greatest Sin?

What is the world's greatest sin? Murder? No. Blasphemy? No. Stealing? No. Robbery? No. Gambling? No. Adultery, as awful and ruinous and diabolical as taking the virtue of a woman is? No. That is not the greatest sin. What is the greatest sin? It is the sin against love. And the sin is iniquitous in proportion to the

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I saw that wife yesterday sitting by the side of her husband under a charge of murder. He told me Sunday that his wife believed in him. Oh, my friends, I thank God for the loyalty and love of a noble wife. I dedicated a book today to the loyalty and faithfulness of that little woman who for twenty-one years has been my companion. A thousand times would I rather my friends and my nearest loved ones would go back on me than for that little woman to have no more confidence in me.

Suppose my old mother were here tonight. She has been in Heaven now these thirteen years, dying at the age of eighty-one years. She brought me into the world and went down almost to the grave for me, and when I was three weeks of age she climbed out of the bed and walked on her knees to my cradle and took me by the little hand and asked God in his good time to save me and call me to preach. And I am trying to preach tonight in answer to that mother's prayer. Suppose she were here tonight sitting on

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Her Mother would take her on a ride around the lake.

AS CRAZY AS A LOON?

"Just a minute, mother." The voice was Jessie Loon's. Her mother had just called her for supper. "I want one more dive into the lake," Jessie added to herself. "Mother won't mind."

But mother did mind. "Jessie," she said when her daughter finally arrived, "I have done everything I know to break you of your habit of being a dilly-dally. Just a minute. Just a minute." I hear that from dawn till dark. Until you break yourself of that habit, suppose I call you instead of Jessie, 'Jessamine'."

Jessie was a nice little bird except for that one bad habit of hers, and quite fond of her mother. When she was very young her mother would take her on her back for a boat ride around the lake. Also she taught her how to dive, and how to swim under water.

"It is much easier to catch the fish if you can swim under water," her mother said. "Also under the water is a safe place to hide from the hunter."

"What is a hunter?" asked Jessie.

"A hunter," explained her mother, "is a dreadful man who comes in the spring with a long gun which goes, 'Boom! Boom!' It scatters shot far and wide and sometimes kills the water fowl." To teach Jessie safety she and her mother often played a game which they called "Hide and Hunter." They made believe that the hunter was a wolf, and arranged a set of signals. Mrs. Loon was able to make a sound very much like the cry of a wolf. One such cry meant, "Danger. Be on the alert." Two meant "Run and hide in the bushes." And three, "Dive under the water, and swim as fast as you can."

As Jessie grew older she became tired of the Hide and Hunter game and preferred to swim around the edge of the lake, catching bugs and tadpoles. One day as she was sunning herself on the lakeshore she heard one shrill cry from her mother, who was out in the middle of the lake fishing—"Danger. Be on the alert."

"That silly old game again," thought Jessie. "I don't want to play now. I'm getting my sun-tan."

Then came two wolf-like cries from her mother—"Run and hide in the bushes."

Jessie called back, "Just a minute, mother. Let me get a little more sun-tan."

Unseen by Jessie, a hunter was creeping up behind her. He heard the sound when she spoke to her mother, and turning in her direction started to raise his gun.

Well, that would have been the end of Jessie Loon but for the quick action of her mother.

I sometimes wonder how the expression "As crazy as a loon" began, because what Mrs. Loon did to save her little daughter that day was everything but crazy.

She began coming across the lake half running, half flying, as if she were crippled, straight toward the hunter and screaming at the top of her voice one wolf-like cry after the other. Jessie had never heard her mother scream like that in all her life. She knew danger was near. In a flash she had dove into the lake and was swimming under the water as fast as she could.

The hunter turned from Jessie, who to him was just a little loon, and leveled his rifle at Mrs. Loon. "Boom!" went his gun as he pulled the trigger.

At the same instant Mrs. Loon dove straight into the water.

A few minutes later as the hunter waded around in the shallow water looking for the loon he thought he had killed, two loons, one large, one small, were climbing out of the water at the other side of the lake. Not until that moment did Jessie realize her mother had been wounded. "I

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this front seat and I would come here and take her by the nape of the neck and put her on the ground and stamp her insensible. Why, if you had any manhood in you, you would repudiate me. You would want to mob me. Why? Because I sinned against Mother's love and Mother's care and Mother's prayer and sympathy.

I want to tell you, when you reject the love of Jesus Christ you commit a crime more diabolical than I would in stamping my mother. You sin against the Holy One, against a love that went to the limits for you. And your sin tonight is the most diabolical sin under Heaven, when you despise that love and turn Him away from your soul. God help you tonight, I

suppose I did not dive quite soon enough," said Mrs. Loon as she picked a shot out of her leg, "but I wanted to be sure you were safe."

"Oh, mother," said Jessie. "I am so sorry. You might have been killed by that awful hunter." Then a little later, "Mother, please don't call me 'Jessamine' any more because I will never be a dilly-dally again."

"All right," answered her mother. "It was worth being shot at to hear you make that promise. I do hope you won't forget."

And Jessie didn't! She was cured once for all of being a dilly-dally.

(From *Bird Life in Wington*, by Rev. J. Calvid Reid. The twenty-sixth of thirty chapters to appear regularly in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. This book may be had for \$1.50 from Sword of the Lord Publishers, 214 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, Ill.)

Love that Saves

want you to see that you are a sinner in God's sight and that He is able to save you. I want you to hear the call of that love and feel the appeal of that love. Oh, my friends, I am not talking to you about ordinary love. I am talking to you about a love that has no end. I am talking about a love that has no limit to its depth.

Paul took his measuring line one time and said, "I am going to measure the love of Jesus Christ." He tried it. He went down and his line gave out and he doubled it and quadrupled it and still his line gave out. He tried to find its breadth and his line gave out. He tried to find its height and his line gave out. "Oh," he said, "how boundless and limitless are the height and the depth and the extremity of the love of Jesus Christ." I am talking about the love that went to Calvary to die for your sins and mine. God help you to hear the call of that love. I thank God that my poor heart, the best it can, has responded to that call. I forsook my sins and trusted Him and for these thirty-six years I have drawn on it. And I have found it an inexhaustible source of love.

Now, let me give you my text. "Thou, Jesus, the Son of the Father, Who on Calvary died, Who in the Garden suffered, Who in the tomb of Joseph for three days and nights went down and came up, Thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou has cast all my sins behind my back."

God help you, my friends, to give up your sins and trust Jesus Christ the great Lover of the soul.

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Dear Brother Rice:

I realize that I am a poor lost sinner. But I have read the sermon, "Love That Saves," by Dr. Scarborough. I know it is wicked to reject the love of Christ. So here and now I repent of my sins and turn to Christ; I accept His love; I give Him my heart; I depend on Him to forgive me and save me. With all my heart I will set out to live for Him and will claim Him as my own Saviour.

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